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Five vessels were inspected and passed. The Spanish steamship *Isla de Panay* from Havana, Colon, Sabanilla, Puerto Cabello, and La Guayra, was held in quarantine. She brought no passengers or cargo for Ponce, only touching here for passengers and cargo for Europe. Eight bills of health were issued.

Since my last report, 31 new cases of smallpox were reported, making a total of 67 cases and 1 death. Twenty-one have recovered leaving 44 cases now in quarantine.

Every physician is required to report all cases of sickness, and any suspicious ones are looked into. Considerable vaccination is being done, and funds for the isolation camp and other expenses are being subscribed by the merchants. Work is to begin to-day, and it will soon be ready for use.

With the more active measures now being put into force, there should be a diminution of the cases and a final end of the epidemic.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan during the week ended February 23, 1901.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *February 26, 1901.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended February 23, 1901:

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of immigrants.
Feb. 19	Provisional flag steamship Julia.....	Cuba, Santo Domingo, Ponce, and Mayaguez, P. R.	9
Do....	Spanish steamship <i>Isla de Panay</i>	Havana, Colon, Sabanilla, Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, and Ponce, P. R.	10
	Total		19

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

RUSSIA.

Report from London on plague in Southeastern Russia.

LONDON, ENGLAND, *February 23, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward the following statement regarding plague in Southeastern Russia received from the United States consul at Moscow:

At the present time it is considered that this epidemic has been entirely checked in the inhabited portions of the Astrakhan and Uralsk districts in the southeastern parts of European Russia; still 32 special squads are searching the prairie where the Kerghees tribes are settled. These tribes are about half wild. They breed horses for the market, also cattle.

By the imperial order, a committee was appointed, headed by his imperial highness prince of Oldenberg, who was sent down to Astrakhan at the beginning as a special plenipotentiary, with unlimited power from the Czar. He had with him a very large staff of doctors, nurses, and sanitary attendants and appliances. In the Astrakhan district he checked the epidemic in a very short time; then he started for Sorataff, on the river Volga, with part of his staff. Sorataff is situated about 400 miles east of the city of Uralsk; the latter city is situated in the southern part of the Ural, on the ridges of the Ural mountains. The other part of the staff he left in Astrakhan. Now, respecting Uralsk, the plague was more in the Kerghees prairies, in the following villages: Tegebay-Topeke, and Mereke, near the settlement of Talorka, in a part of the Ural and Astrakhan districts.

At the beginning of the epidemic, there were 136 cases, 134 of which died and 2 recovered. Since January 8 to 21, there were no more cases reported in the above-mentioned villages. By February 8, the disinfecting of the earthen huts of the Kerghees tribes in the prairies was discontinued, and it is supposed that there are no more cases of plague in either of the Astrakhan or Uralsk districts. Still, there is a very large number of doctors, nurses, and sanitary attendants skirmishing the prairies in search of any cases of the plague. Prince of Oldenburg left for St. Petersburg on February 8. Up to the present time, everything seems to be quiet.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Outbreak of plague at Singapore.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 1, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the vice consul-general pro tem at Singapore telegraphed the word "plague" to the Department on the 28th ultimo, meaning thereby that there is an outbreak of the disease at that place.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

TURKEY.

[Report No. 260.]

Report from Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE, *February 18, 1901.*

Plague in Turkey.

SIR: The sanitary physician of the city of Smyrna examined on the 3d instant the corpse of a man whose death was caused from plague. The plague bacilli have been found in the pulp of the bubo existing in the right groin.

The steamship *Apollo* arrived the 13th instant in Rhodes, one of the islands of the Turkish archipelago, having on board the corpse of a girl, aged 5 months, whose death occurred just before her arrival in Rhodes,